

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION

DEFENSE MOBILIZATION ORDER NO. ____

SUBJECT: Application of National Industrial Dispersion Standards to
Facilities of the Executive Branch

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Reorganization Plan
No. 3, 1953, Executive Order 10438, and Executive Order 10480, it is
hereby ordered:

1. Location of Facilities. New construction shall be undertaken, and
additional space shall be acquired for any Executive Branch agency only when
located 10 or more miles from a target zone, major military installation or
other critical facility.

2. Definitions.

a. A target zone is a densely populated or highly industrialized
section of an urban area determined by the Department of Commerce in accord-
ance with the formula set forth in the Industrial Dispersion Guidebook for
Communities, (Domestic Commerce Series No. 31).

b. Major military installations and critical facilities are
those installations determined to be probable targets for nuclear attack.

3. Exceptions. In unusual circumstances exceptions may be made by
the head of any agency having authority to construct facilities or acquire
space; provided, exceptions are supported by his finding that the nature of
the activity for which a facility is to be used requires it; and provided
further, exceptions are approved by the Secretary of Commerce.

4. Assignment of Responsibility. The Secretary of Commerce shall be
responsible for determining whether proposed locations are in compliance
with dispersion standards.

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